

## TAKE ASSESSORS OUT OF POLITICS SAYS TAX EXPERT

Fred A. Sims, Former Secretary of State of Indiana, Thinks the Office Should Be Non-political; Other Views.

portion of the burden of taxation. "A premium is put upon living and dishonesty."

"And how could it be otherwise. I doubt very much that if many township assessors ever saw the inside of a township assessor's office before the morning they walked in to the charge of one of the largest businesses in the world, that of the valuation of public property. He will not assess property at its true cash value, for he is expecting further favors from the public. He is to conduct his office so that he will get the most out of it for himself, carry popular favor by lessening the burden on the taxpayer and intrench the party in power."

"I have but one general proposition to offer and that is to take the township assessor out of politics. Fred A. Sims, former secretary of state of Indiana and member of the state tax board, before the annual convention of National Tax Association tonight, in an address on "Divorcing the Assessor From Politics." Mr. Sims said:

"The assessor occupies, perhaps, an unavoidable position as an officer as any of our public servants. The hangman is the only one which occurs to mind to be in a worse situation."

"He is confronted by fear and unsupported by real public opinion. He is charged with a serious responsibility and hampered by impossible conditions. If he enforced the law in this state, wreck and ruin would follow in his path."

**His Peculiar Position.**

"Here in Indiana if he sets his foot behind the bank counter that institution as a commercial enterprise would cease to exist and the stampede of depositors would outdo the memorable record of 1893."

"If he would investigate who are the true holders of mortgage security he would drive millions of dollars into the state and send up the interest rates."

"If he would assess corporate property at its real value he would create many fat receiverships."

"Our tax rates have increased until the general average is more than 5 percent, per one hundred dollars upon the average—a considerable number being over five per cent, and one-a slight fraction under six per cent; six cities selected from various parts of the state as representative showed an advance of more than forty per cent in eight years."

"It is apparent that we have a tax rate already so high that ordinary forms of investment of such capital returning five per cent and six per cent can not pay it—so it must escape or leave. By the exemption laws and otherwise it largely escapes."

**Sims Has a Plan.**

In order to divorce the assessor from politics, Mr. Sims suggested appointment of a commission, outlining his idea as follows:

"If first, a workable tax law is adopted a state taxing board or commission should be created large enough and with ample power over both the official acts and tenure of office of the local assessor. It should also have full jurisdiction to review or change his assessments upon its own motion together with such other power as would give them full authority of supervision and enforcement of their requirements. Let the local assessor be under their observation and direction and allow him to hold his place if competent, for such a length of term as may make for the most efficiency."

"The state board of commission should be non-partisan."

**ORBISON THINKS PRESENT PLAN IS ENTIRELY WRONG.**

Indians, Ind., Aug. 28.—The greatest impediment to efficiency in the present method of electing township assessors, according to Charles J. Orbison, an Indianapolis attorney, who spoke at the Indiana session of the tenth annual conference of the National Tax association, was the non-partisanship of the assessors.

"What taxing power needs today is more power and less restraint—more efficiency and less politics—more honesty and less pull," he said, "and what the people need to realize is the utility of taxation and that as they are just and honest in their obligations to the state, so will their government be strengthened and their living be made more secure."

The township assessor as we find him in most states today is an instrument of the people's will. While other departments of the taxing power have grown and developed, the township assessor has in the main stood still."

The speaker pictured the political conditions surrounding the choice of township assessors in Indiana. There was a lively scramble for the more lucrative offices, but the office of assessor was one of those used generally for the purpose of balancing men of no qualifications whatever were often chosen merely because of their ability to swing a particular vote.

"What is the net result?" he asked. "Hundreds of people escape taxation altogether."

"The dishonest citizen can return for taxation but a small portion of his property."

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**WHEAT SLUMPS WHEN RUMANIA DECLARES WAR**

Opening Prices Show a Fall Following the Action of the Bulgars; General Rushes to Unload Are Order of Day.

**CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—Rumania's declaration of war smashed the wheat market today; opening prices showed a fall in some cases amounting to 5% a bushel.**

September delivery, which closed Saturday at \$1.33 1/2, started today at \$1.16 to \$1.17 1/2. Other options also broke wildly.

General rush to sell took place, which were increased by the increased chances of a general railway strike in the United States.

Before the descent of prices could be checked, losses that reached to 25 cents a bushel were shown for the principal trading months. December, which sold as low as \$1.45 1/2, was composed with \$1.00 at Saturday's close.

Notwithstanding that the tremendous tendency to unload holding carried away for a while all holding considerations the extraordinary break in values proved too tempting for buyers to resist and the market showed the consequence in rallies of 2 to 3 1/2 cents from the lowest which it had touched. The upturns, however, met prices still 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents above as compared with last week's final quotation.

In the late dealings weakness again became acute. Prices tumbled lower than before, and closed decimalized 3 1/2 to 11 1/2 cents lower with September at \$1.40 1/2 to \$1.34 1/2, and December at \$1.45 1/2 to \$1.34 1/2, the extreme break of the session.

News that actual fighting between the Rumanians and the Turks had begun accompanied the final down turn in prices and made the trading a frantic whirl of excitement.

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**MARKETS**

KANSAS CITY PRODUCE.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—Barley

creams, 28c; beans, 29c; seconds,

Eggs—Fifths, 15c; roasters, 11c;

bruised, 15 1/2c.

**LEAD AND SPELTER.**

New York, Aug. 28.—The metal ex-

change quotes lead \$6.50 to 6.75.

Spelter—Quot. Spot East St. Louis

Delivery, 9 1/2c asked.

Results from Journal Want Ads.

## BRING FORTH THE ADDING MACHINE; CHAVES IS HERE

Each Delegate in the Democratic State Convention Will Have Seven-eighteenths of a Vote: Bull Moose Control.

**DETROIT, MI., Aug. 28.—The democratic county convention of Chaves county to elect delegates to the state convention has been one long wrangle today and ended practically in a complete victory for Bull Moose wing of the party.**

The rest of strength came on the vote to name a nominating committee, J. E. Clayton, with the regulars of the party, moved that instead of five members, whom the chairman had already named, there be ten members of the committee and that the additional five be selected from the opposing faction of the party. This motion was lost by a vote of 25 to 19.

The five committeemen of the "Bull Moose" faction then brought in the names of thirty-six delegates, three of whom are on the opposition. As Chaves has fourteen delegates in the state convention this will give each delegate seven-eighteenths of a vote.

**To Vote as a Unit.**

Then the convention passed a resolution requiring the Chaves county delegation to vote as a unit on all questions.

R. D. Bowers was endorsed for supreme judge without any opposition and everything was sailing smoothly until somebody offered a resolution endorsing George W. Davison for state land commissioner. This started the fireworks, as Mr. Davison has always been with the regular democrats. However, he received a bare majority of the votes of this resolution and the endorsement stood. Then Emmett Patton, representing Mr. Bowers, said he was requested to withdraw Mr. Bowers' name if the convention made any other endorsements. This was done and Mr. Davison received the unanimous endorsement of the convention.

Mr. Bowers is one of the recognized leaders of the "Bull Moose" wing of the party.

**More Trouble Started.**

Another proposition started trouble when a protest was offered against adopting the result of the primary held to elect a candidate for commissioner in the Second district. C. N. Moore of Dexter was the successful candidate defeating W. C. Clark of Hazelton. There were charges and counter charges of unfair methods in the primary and finally a committee was appointed to investigate the charges and make a recommendation to the convention. At a late hour this afternoon the committee was still examining witnesses.

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**TRUCKS FOR MOUNTING MACHINE GUNS RECEIVED.**

**DETROIT, MI., Aug. 28.—The**

first commitment of motor trucks upon which to mount the Lewis machine guns has been delivered at the United States arsenal here. It consists of 145 trucks in eighteen cars and the order calls for something over 250 trucks to be used for this purpose.

The army has more than 200 of these machine guns, nearly all of which have been sent to the southern department and distributed among the troops along the border, and in Mexico.

**BENEGRI PROTESTS.**

Mexico City, Aug. 28.—Raimon P. Benegri, the Mexican consul general in San Francisco, has made a report to his government protesting at the discrimination against Mexican coffee and the prohibition against the importation of Mexican tropical fruits in California.

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**Three Men Are Under Arrest for Being Implicated in the Plot; Two Confess; Others Enter a Denial.**

**DETROIT, MI., Aug. 28.—R. L.**

Harriman, son of the president of the

United States steel company, was

arrested yesterday in St. Anthony, Idaho, in connection with the alleged conspiracy to kidnap the 15-year-old son of the late railroad magnate, according to Ward received here today. Authorities say that two of the men have confessed that the plan was to bind or otherwise disfigure young Harriman, if the ransom was not paid promptly.

George E. Davis, of San Marino, Los Angeles County; Walter Thomas Mills of Berrien, and Marshall C. Atwood of Pasadena, met no resistance in their campaign for the democratic, socialist and constitution candidates, respectively, in the five congressional districts they were in conflict, for congressional nominations.

The election was held on Aug. 24.

Mr. Atwood, a 26-year-old business man, was elected to represent Washington.

The election was also won by the progressive candidates in Congress, old and new. Kent gained some national prominence through a humorous speech on the tariff.

All the upper houses of the state legislature and delegations to various state legislatures also were to be nominated.

**SAVED HER DAUGHTER'S LIFE.**

Chamberlain's wife, Cholera and Diarrhoea, Doctors saved my daughter's life when she was about a month old.

She vomited every few minutes and we were unable to keep any medicine down long enough to benefit her until we gave her this remedy.

The doctor at our house I asked him what he thought about me using it and he said as far as he was unable to do the child any good, I had better use it.

The second dose she kept down and he improved rapidly after that.

writes Mrs. Jennie Moyer, Lima, Ohio, obtainable everywhere.

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## CALIFORNIA IS TO HOLD PRIMARY FOR U. S. SENATOR

## ORDER ISSUED FOR MORE TROOPS TO MOVE TO BORDER

Governor Hiram Johnson and Willis H. Booth, a Los Angeles Business Man, are to fight it out at the polls.

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